

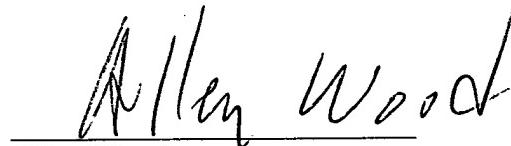
**REMARKS**

The Office Action of November 30, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 1 for further prosecution in this application. As indicated in the Office Action, claims 1-14 and 17 read on the elected invention. Further examination of the application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

The present Amendment cancels the claims that are directed to the non-elected inventions; it is anticipated that divisional applications will be filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT (ELECTION)

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